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In re application of Examiner: Mary C. Hoffman

Edward Draper Group Art Unit: 3733

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TITLE: BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED

JOINT LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

Date: December 9, 2008

AMENDMENT AND ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition For a Two Month Extension of Time. Further, the Applicant hereby asserts that it qualifies as a small entity. Please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.